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Giving a Short Relation of the *Popish* Massacres in *France*,  
*Ireland*, &c. And of the *Spanish Armadoe*, *Gun-Powder Plot*,  
and other Wicked Designs to Enslave *Britain* and *Ireland*.

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-----O Miseri, quæ tanta insania, Cives?  
Creditis auctos hostes? An ulla putatis  
Dona carere dolis Danaum? Sic notus Ulysses?  
Aut hoc inclusi ligno occultantur Achivi:  
Aut hæc in nostros fabricata est machina muros,  
Inspectura domos, venturaque desuper urbi.

Virgil: *Æneid*: lib. 2.

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An ACCOUNT of the Growth of Popery, and Insolence of Papists and Jacobites in Scotland: In a Letter from a Gentleman in Edinburgh, to his Friend in the Country.

December 1713.

SIR,

YOU know as well as I, that the Great LORD and Governour of the World, and our Blessed Mediator the LORD and Head of His Church, discovers his Will to us by his Works, as well as his Word; by his Providences, as well as by his Ordinances. By his Word, the Duties of Obedience in general are enjoined; And by his Providences, the special Seasons of practising them are pointed to us: So, that, as it is our necessary Duty to study his Word, and meditate his Law Day and Night, it is also an undoubted Part of every Christians Business, to regard the Work of the LORD, and the Operation of his Hands, that he may act in his Station, according to the Will of God, and may answer the Design of the Divine Providence, toward the Generation in which he lives. We are to observe these Events, that fall out by his Order, for our Good and Comfort; and these which happen by his Permission, for the Punishment of our Sins.

Of the latter Sort are such Events, as relate to the Growth of Popery, and Insolence of Papists in Scotland; a matter that is thought not to deserve notice, by a great many nice and supercilious Talkers amongst us, who would persuade us, that the Papists are but a very small and harmless Party, from whom nothing is to be feared; They are more afraid of the Dutch, than of the French; as if the first were more like to invade us, and deprive us of our Religion and Liberty, than the latter: And therefore hate a Presbyterian, as being for Hannover, more than a Papist, because in the St. German Interest; And so whatever is advanced

Zachary Gurnois  
his Clerk



ed of the *Danger* and *Growth* of *Popery*, they either deny as false, or if it is evident, they deride it as inconsiderable.

'Tis for this Reason, I here send you the following Account of this Matter, which consists of many Informations received from persons of undoubted Credit, and who had sufficient Occasions to know the Facts they Inform of; By which, (if I mistake not) it will be abundantly evident to you, Sir, as it is already to me, that as the *Papists* among us, are by no Means a harmless Party, so they are not so inconsiderable; But that in our present Circumstances, they have it in their Power to do much Mischief, to the great and valuable Interest of our Religion and Liberty.

What Account I have to send you, falls naturally under one or other of the two following Heads; the Number of *Trafficking Papists* in several Places of *Scotland*, their Diligence and Industry, their Success in perverting many from the *Protestant Religion*, the Insolence of *Papists*, especially of late, with some Hints of their Encouragement.

As to the Number of *Trafficking Papists* in *Scotland*, it is more considerable, than we generally imagine: There are in some few Shires in the *North* and *Highlands*, about Forty *Popish Priests*, *Jesuits* and others in *Popish Orders*, who are well known, and do appear openly, and are so bold as to take up their ordinary Residence in these Places, and publicly to go about all Parts of their Functions: Particularly, Mr. *Patrick Frazer* in *Focabers*, Mr. *John Gordon* at upper *Drimmyn*, Mr. *Alexander Nicolson* alias *Bishop Bruce* in the Province of *Aberdeen*, Mr. *James Donaldson* there, Mr. *Gordon* alias *Bishop Gordon* there, Mr. *Fordyce* there, Mr. *Buchan* there, Mr. *Abercromby* there, Mr. *John Innes* there, Mr. *Robert Seton* Brother to *Garleten* there, Mr. *Hugh Ramsay* alias *Strauchan*, Son to *James Strauchan* of *Thornton*, Mr. *Peter McDonald* about *Glengary*, Mr. *Gordon* about *Mudarte*, Mr. *Walter Innes* in *Drumgask* prior of a Convent in *Burgundy*, Mr. *George Innes* Son to *Drumgask*, lately come from *Abroad*, M. *Francis Murray* in *Kirkconnell*, Mr. *Seton* alias *Ross*, natural Son to the *Earl of Dumfermling*, Mr. *Halket* about *Garioch*, Mr. *Alexander McCraw* in *Kilmorrah*, Mr. *Aeneas McLauchlan* there, Mr. *Alexander* in *Strathbogie*, Mr. *Peter Reid* there, Mr. *Charles Stewart* at *Clastrum*, Mr. *John Irving* at *Castle Gordon*, Mr. *Alexander Drummond* at *Muthell*, or *Castle Drummond*: Besides Six or Seven *Priests* in the Bounds of the *Presbytry of Skay*, and some about *Lochaber*, and Bounds of the *Presbytry of Lorn*, and many more who are traveling through the Country, suspected to be *Priests* and *Missionaries* from *Rome*, going under borrowed Names, and pretend to be in other Employments, and



severals of the rest are *Blood Relations* to Families of good Note in the Places they most haunt : In the Shire of *Aberdeen* alone, there are Eight ordinarily residing; And if there are so many in so few Shires, How many may we reasonably suppose, there are through the rest of *Scotland*? If there are so many, who (notwithstanding the Care they take to disguise and hide themselves) are known as to their Names and Places of Abode? How many must be swarming amongst us, under borrowed Names and disguised Characters? Severals of these, whose Names I send you, are lately come from beyond Seas, and to be sure they came not alone: The *Church of Rome* is too zealous in making *Profelytes*, to neglect the best Opportunity for that Purpose, which she has had in *Scotland*, for these many Years bygone: She has her *Missionaries* amongst us, when they could not Traffick without the outmost Hazard, and undoubtedly, their Number is now much more increased, when it is well known they may carry on their black Design with too much Safety: Accordingly, it has been no Secret for some Time bypast, that great Numbers of *Papists* have lately come, and are dayly coming from *France* into *Great Britain*, of whom, no doubt a great part are *Missionaries*, for propogating what they call the *Catholick Faith*: I was certainly informed a few Days agoe, that a *Protestant Gentleman* at one of the most frequented Places of this Nation, met with a *Popish Priest*, who had been of his Acquaintance in a *Popish Country* over Seas, disguised in the Habit of a *Cavalier*; Who so far forgot himself, as to tell his old Acquaintance over a Bottle, that he was lately come from *France*, with a great many more of the same Kidney, to advance the Interest of the *Pretender*, whom he called our King: Which had such effect upon the *Protestant Gentleman*, as that though he was a zealous *Jacobite* before, he has ever since abhorred that Design, which is carried on by such Tools, as must destroy our Holy Religion, to advance it. Would to GOD, all our *Protestant Brethren* were so wise as to be *profelyted* by them, after this Fashion! However, this shews us, how these Agents of the *Antichristian Kingdom* hide themselves under borrowed Shapes, and how many there may be of them thus disguised, GOD alone knows: There are doubtless the more of them, that they can conceal themselves effectually, by often changing their Stations, and returning to their Masters, after they have fulfilled their set time, leaving their Room (as they ordinarily do) to others, who are not for some time in hazard of being known, so much for their Numbers.

Next, As to their Diligence and Industry, we may easily guess, how great that is, if we consider, that those of the *Church of Rome*, have for a great many Ages past, exactly answered the Character given by

our Saviour, of their Fathers the *Pharisees*, who compassed Sea and Land to make one *Profelyte*; Accordingly, their Agents among us at present, leave no Stone unturned, spare no Pains nor Cost, that they may delude Poor Ignorant People, who are so unhappy, as to have them among them, and to fix and confirm them, in their *Anti-Christian Errors*, and *Idolatry*, beyond all robbility of being reclaimed.

One of their great Engines for this Purpose, is, to have Persons of their Principles Employed in Teaching Schools. The publick Gammer School at *Focabers* in the Duke of *Gordons* Countrie, is Taught by a *Popish* Doctor under one Mr. *Mitchel*, principal School-master there; And in several places of that Country, they have Persons of their Persuasion, especially Women Employed in Teaching Private Schools, of which I could give you particular instances, if it were not too Minute and trivial: These Female Teachers after they have more Rudely initiated their unhappy Scholars, bring them from time to time to *Priests* to be by them more fully Instructed, and Confirmed in their *Superstitious* and *Idolatrous Principals*. These Female Tools, serve them also as depute Missionaries to discover to them, who among their Neighbours and Acquaintances are Accessible and easie to be Perverted: And to such upon Advertisement, the *Priest* fails not to apply himself, with all the Art and Address he is Master of.

That they may have the better Success in such Attempts, they take the Advantage of the most Favourable Occasions to Infill their *Poison* with the wine of the *Romish Fornication*: When People are to be Married, have Children to be Baptized, and especially when they are a Dying, they attend upon them Closely, perform the Ceremonies of *Baptism*, *Marriage* and *Extream-unction*, in the most obliging manner possible: And fail not upon all these occasions, to take them deeply engaged to their Cursed *Communion*. When People are Sick, they Insinuate themselves upon them, by using all sorts of methods, some of which are said to be *Devilish*, for their Recovery, and having by this appearance of kindness, and their fawning Flattery, and Careless, recommended themselves to their Affections, they next pervert their Judgement at their Pleasure. Of all this they have the better opportunity that in many places which they most frequent, great Numbers of the Inhabitants ly at a considerable distance from their Paroch Churches, and so not having easie Access to the Established Ministers, they do the more readily Submit to these *Popish Priests*, who live among them, for Marriage, Baptisme and Attendance, in their Sickness. I had almost forgot another of their Acts (of which a particular instance is given by my Informer) when they cannot have free and safe Access into Familys for propogating their Delusions,



by means of their Female Panders; they make appointments with Young People, whom they have most hopes to gain in the Woods and Desert places, where when they have met with them, they cease not using threats and promises, and all the Arts of Delusion, till they have Perverted them, to their abominable *Opinions*, and more effectually to keep their new *Converts*, from returning to the *Protestant Religion*, They extort from them under pain of *Damnation*, a Confession of their most secret Sins which when they have made, the fear of having them propal'd, is a powerful Tye to hold them fast to the *Popish Party*.

Besides they have the influence to get *Papists* set up to teach Arts and Sciences, and to meddle in the Mannagment of the Affairs of Minors, tho both contrary to Law, who by their smooth and insinuating behaviour gain upon the Minds of the young People who converse with them, and make them Secretly Fancie, that the *Popish Principles*, are as true and Innocent as their *Popish Masters*, and Mannagers are Civil and Obliging, and so they are prepared to be a Prey to the first *Missionarie* who attacks them.

Nay, so far does the Industry and Care of these Blind Zealots reach, as not only to serve their own Generation, by such Arts as have been mentioned, but to make Provision for the future, and lay in for the support of their Principles, and driving on the *hellish Trade of Proselyting*, among *Posterity*. For this end they procure the Gentry and Nobility of their way, to send their Children abroad to be Bred in *Popish Colledges*, which have been done by severals of late, that at their return, they may follow the steps of their Fathers, in serving as Tools to the *Missionaries*, for advancing their Desigue, or may be *Missionaries* themselves. For this end likewise, wherever they find Boys of promiseing Parts, they Solicite the Parents, and when they prevail: they spare neither Cost nor Pains, to Breed them to their own Employment, and fit them for making *Proselyts*, many of them they send Abroad to Forreign Colledges for that end, of which there was a Pregnant instance of late. One Mr. *Stewart* a *Popish Priest* gathered together no fewer than Thirty Boys, and Shipped them all for Forreign Countries, there to be trained up for the black Employment.

Now because in all this, they are Obnoxious to the Law, they take care to guard themselves as much as they can on that side also; For this end, wherever Heritable Jurisdictions are in *Popish Families*, tho by Law, they cannot exerce them in Person, they have the influence ( I shall not pretend to tell you by what means ) to get them put into the hands of such Persons both Judges and Clerks, as are entirely at the Disposal of these *Popish Families*, and do nothing but according to their Direction; There



is one particularly under the *M---s* of *H---*ly so true a *Jacobite*, that to this day, he never took any Oath to the Government, you may easily Conjecture Sir, in what manner such Judges and Clerks will Execute the Laws against *Papists*. And lest the Law should some Time or other recover Vigour and happen to be Execute against them, they seem prepared to Overturn the Law, lest they should not always be able to elude it; Therefore contrary to Express Law they are generally well Armed, the *Highland Clans* of their Religion are said to have *Pensions* payed them, to hold themselves readie to March upon a Call, and their Leaders keep frequent Meetings with their *Popish Priests*, of which there was a very Numerous one held in the Country of *Badenoch* in August 1712. as can be Attested by many Witnesses. That in all these things they may be of a piece, and Act in Concert with their *Forreign Friends*; They have especially of late, had a close and frequent Correspondence with them, not only by Letters but by Messengers to and from them, not long ago, Mr. *La Harste* a *French* Dancing Master, went from Scotland with some others, and is now returned. Certain Persons said to have owned their having Commissions from the Pretender, came lately to Scotland, And when searched for by Order at *Burntisland*, were gone for *Edinburgh*, where of late there have been far more *Jacobites* than ordinary.

These are some of the Arts of these *Missionaries*, and their Deluded *Profelites*, for advancing their hellish Designs, by which they seem to be ready to destroy the Law at one Stroak, by setting their *Popish Pretender* upon the Throne, not doubting, but they shall then soon put on the Capstone upon their Grand design of Extirpating the *Northern Heresie*, As they Impiously call the *Protestant Religion*.

As to the Success of these *Missionaries* (which is the next thing of which I am to Inform you) it is not to be wondered at, considering the Giddiness and levity of this Generation, the laregness of *Paroches* in several places, and their other Encouragments after mentioned; that they make many *Profelits* among us, both to their Political and Religious Principles.

Their Political Principles (I mean, that the *Popish Pretender* at *Bar le Duc*, is the only Rightful Successor to our Crown) they Varnish over with the specious Colours of *Hereditary indefeasible Right*, the hopes of the Pretenders turning true *Protestant*, and what pity it is, that the lineal Heir to our Crown, should be obliged always to wander in *Forreign* Countrys, while a Family so remote, as that of *Hannover* should be brought in to Reign over us, And that all this may the more effectually catch the unthinking Multitude, they Magnifie with the outmost Address, the hardships we suffer by the Union, and give out, that the only way to be free from these, is to break the *Hannover Succession*, and call in the

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*Pretender*, as if it were better to be under an *Arbitrary French Government*, to the utter Extirpation of our *Religion* and *Liberties*; than to suffer some Hardships from a Nation Governed by Law, who are of the *Protestant Religion*, as well as our selves: These pretences they further strengthen by dividing the *Established Church* among themselves, upon occasion of the Oath of *Abjuration*. Before the Term for taking of it by our *Ministers* came, they failed not, under the Mask of *Zealous Presbyterians*, to Slander such *Ministers*, as they heard were for taking it, with the Odious Names of *Dishonest*, *Apostates from their Principles*, *Renouncers of the Covenants*, &c. That they might alienate the Hearts of their People from them, And now that some have taken it, when others have refused it, they do upon their Principles before laid down, Reproach them in the bitterest manner, as Time servers, Men who have taken an Oath contrary to their Principles, to save their Stipends, &c. And give out that they only are the true *Church of Scotland* who have refused that Unlawful Oath, (as they call it) while their own Consciences know that they equallie hate both sides, and designe nothing by all these pretences, but to divide us amongst our selves, that they may at their Pleasure Trample upon, and Extirpate us all.

I do not say, that the *Popish Emissaries* are the only Persons who drive such Designs, and Propagate such Notions; Nay perhaps a great Number of them are *Protestants*, who upon Mistaken Politicks, Zealously endeavour the Ruine of the *Established Church*: But I am Confident the *Popish Emissaries* promote these Methods, and that under diverse pretences, they set *Protestants* one against another, that afterwards they may Ruine their *Common Religion*, and place *Popery* in its room. To this purpose I shall tell you a Story no less diverting in its Circumstances, than Instructive in its discovery; of one in a Gentlemans habite, in a Country Mans house, not far from this, who harangued Zealously against the *Minister* of the Parish, because he was inclined to the Oath of Abjuration, and held forth with much keenness the Evil and Sinfulness of that Oath, upon *Presbyterian Principles*, but behold, when his Discourse was over, the accidental falling off, of his *Pirwig*, discovered a shaven Crown, under the dress and Profession of a *Zealous Presbyterian Gentleman*. And upon an after Enquiry he was discovered to haunt a *Popish Gentlemans Family*. There are no doubt many such, who in diverse Companies, to whose different Humours they adapt their Discourses, promote the separation from our *Church*, and a Division of one part thereof from another; and all with an intention to advance their Grand Political Designe, of bringing in the *Pretender*. I am sorry I have it to tell you, that there are but too many well meaning People, too far gone in these destructive



destructive Principles, who if they live will one day Repent it from the bottom of their Hearts; I wish their Repentance be not too late, that they have so far ignorantly Concurred in the Political Principles and designs of an *Antichristian* Party. Thus they are Successful in making *Profelites* both to their Political and *Papish* Maxims.

I shall give you some of the most remarkable Instances, waving many lesser ones.

In and about the Bounds of the Presbytry of *Skay*, there are whole Paroches, yea, Countries, which by Means of these *Papish* Priests, are kept in the Darknes and Idolatry of *Popery*, such as *Knoydart*, *Moror*, *Egg*, *Canna*, *South Uist*, *Bara*, *Muik* &c. In the Bounds of *Lochaber*, *Glenarig*, *Moydart*, *Arisaig*: *Popery* daily encreases to a lamentable Degree, so that the Priests residing in those Bounds say *Mass* publicly, almost every LORD's Day, to Swarms of their deluded *Profelytes*. In the united Parishes of *Crathie* and *Kindroch*, there are near 200 Persons perverted, within these few Years, by the Cunning Craftyness of these Priests, who ly in wait to deceive. In the Parish of *Rassart*, one Mr. *John Gordon* a *Papish* Priest hath within these two Years or thereby perverted more, than an Hundred to *Popery*, In the Paroch of *Kilmorock*, in the Shire of *Inverness*, the Priests who reside there, have within these three Years or thereby, perverted an Hundred Families to *Popery*: So that now the *Papists* are the far greater Part of that People. In the Parish of *Bellay* alone, there are near Six Hundred *Papists*, and in the Parishes of *Kikore* and *Diambennan*, the *Papists* are equal in Number to the *Protestants*. Judge by these few Instances of many, what lamentable Success these *Romish* Agents, have in their *Antichristian* Design, and suffer your Thoughts to represent a little to you: How many must in other Places be perverted by the dark and crafty Practices of their fellow *Emissaries*? And to what a great Number, their deluded and barbarous Party may increase in a short time, if care is not taken to prevent it.

By what has been said of their Numbers and Success, you will easily imagine, they are very arrogant. They are a Sort of People, who quickly take Heart, and upon the remotest Prospect of Encouragement, grow from Hatred, to Contempt of their Adversaries; So that upon Experience of so much actual Success, you cannot doubt, but their Secret Contempt, is risen, to open Insolence.

Accordingly, I have such Account of their Behaviour in many Places, as would make one believe, that they fancy themselves already under the Protection of the Law, and that they have their Protestant Neighbours at their Mercy, of which take the following Instances.

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One Mr. Bruce a *Popish Bishop*, has his ordinary Residence at *Perthshire*, where he has his Gardens, Cooks and other Demestick Servants, and thither the *Priests* and *Emissaries* of Inferior Rank resort, for their Directions and Orders for fulfilling their *Antichristian Mission*, and accomplishing the *Black Work* for which they were sent. Not only this *Bishop*, but even the *Priests* in several places have their known Houses for Residence, where their Peats and other Fewel are regularly and punctually laid in for them, as particularly Mr. *John Innes*, Mr. *Robert Seton*, and Mr. *Hugh Ramsay*, in and about the Bounds of *Bracmarr*, One *Irving* a *Priest*, who ordinarily resides at *Focabers*, presumes in Contempt of the Law, to take the Management of some part of the Affairs of a person of Distinction in that Country, whereby, he has great Interest with the Tennents and Inferior People, to pervert them to *Popish Superstition*.

Not only have they settled Houses for themselves to live in, but they have *Mass-Houses* & fixed Places of Worship, to which their *Blind Votaries* in diverse parts resort, almost as avowedly, as Protestants go to their Paroch Churches, and in which they publickly proclaim persons in Order to Marriage, as if their Meetings were Legal Assemblies, of which there is One in the Paroch of *Kilmorroch*, served principally by Mr. *McCrann* and Mr. *McLauchlan Priests*, One in the Parish of *Kirkmichael* in the Bounds of the Presbytry of *Aberlour*, and in the Bounds of the Presbytry of *Skay*, there are Six *Priests* who reside ordinarily there, and have their several Paroches, in which they officiat, as freely and formally as if countenanced by Authority, in the Bounds of *Lochaber*, *Glengarie*, *Mudart*, *Aresraig* &c. The *Priests* say *Mass* publickly, almost every Sabbath; And the *Priest* at *Mudart* in that Country, is lately become so bold, that he encroaches upon the Paroches about, legally planted with Protestant Ministers; particularly, *Ardna-Muchan* and *Sunad*, where he ordinarily Marries and Baptises, such as he can persuade to resort to him, and at the same time, takes them engaged to the Communion of the Church of Rome.

I give you here but a few Instances of many publick *Mass-Houses*, that might be mentioned, that you may judge of the Stock by the Sample. But to go on with the Accounts of their Insolency, one of the Protestant School-Masters established by the Honourable Society, for propagating Christian Knowledge, was barbarously insulted and affronted, tho' acting under the Protection of Her Majesty's Royal Patent: It is true, a Person of Honour did the Justice to cause enquire into that matter: But there being none but *Popish* Witnesses, no Redress could be had. Nay, the Ministers of the Established Church, although they have all the Security,



that our Law can give them, are in some places insulted by *Papists*, & such as they have Influence upon, who by their Hearing of *Mass*, and having it said in their Houses, are obnoxious to the Law, of which I cannot omit to give an Instance or two: In the Paroch of *Kilmorrock*, the *Papists* go to the *Mass* Meetings, as avowedly as to the Church, without any Stop or Discouragement, while the legally Established Minister *Mr. Thomas Chisholm* was for some Years kept from Access to the Paroch Church, to which he is ordained according to Law, & some of them who went to hear him, were threatned by their Land-Lords, with Breach of their Tack, and being put from their Possessions; and when the Inferior Judges there, were required to examine his Grievances, and redress them, or put his Oppressours into the Porteous Roll, they, (by what Influence I shall not say) refused to do it. One *George Lesly* of *Balquhne* a *Popish* Gentleman, Brother to Count *Lesly* in *Germany*, and so has good Intelligence of what is doing Abroad, has of late become very insolent, and barbarously treated *Mr. William Lesly* Minister of *Chapell of Garioch*, he endeavoured to stop him from casting of Peats, (a Fewel absolutely necessary in that Country) in a place where he and his Predecessors had been in use for many Years, to provide themselves of that sort of Fewel, and when notwithstanding of that Opposition the Ministers Peats were cast or digged, that *Popish Gentleman* caused lead some of them away, cut the rest in peices, and render them intirely useles, and having raised a groundless Proceß against him, did the upon arrest all his Effects, which obliged *Mr. Lesly* to commence a Proceß for his Redress, before the Lords of Session, where it is just now depending. The Ground of this Gentlemans Prejudice against the Minister, is, that he was lately put in the Porteous Roll, by one whom he could not know, for harbouring and resetting of *Priests* and other *Popish Missionaries*; But what wonder if he was, for his House at *Fetterneir* has been the ordinary place of Residence of the Superior of the *Jesuits* in *Scotland* for some time past, by him and his Family: The *Popish* Youths are recommended when they come from Abroad to his House, and there they receive their Directions, when they begin to act as *Missionaries*, and are dispersed through the Country: At his House there is a Chappel consecrated, which is put to no other Use but the Idolatrous *Popish Worship*, and in which there is an Altar, Rich Vestments, and other Costly and Superstitious Appurtenances of their Service.

Besides all this, there are several *Papists*, who according to the Act of Parliament, were banished by the Lords of Justiciary in their Circuits, who have had the Boldness to return to their former places of Abode, though by our Law, such returning is Death; As particularly, *Mr. Patrick*

trick Fraser Priest, William Gordon of Minniore, Robert Gordon in Glenlivet, Patrick Grant in Tomnaaram and several others.

To conclude this Head of their *Insolence*, at my Lord D---d's House at Muthle in Perthshire, there was not very long agoe a publick Baptism of one of his Children, by a *Popish Bishop or Priest*, to which the Neighbouring Gentry were formally invited, at which (to the everlasting Commendation of our present *Scots Civility*) several Gentlemen, some of whom Her Majesty's Justices of Peace were so condescending, as to be present.

At the same House, there have been of late more than ordinary Meetings of several Persons of Quality, where Guns and other Arms have been tryed. And to shew that his Lordship has some extraordinary *Catholick* designe in view, his Children (tho he is a professed *Papist*) are in Contempt of Law, bred up with himself, and has lately made his last Will, and Named Tutors to his Children, as if he had been going to the *Field of Battle*: To all this I might add, the frequent Meetings of the Leaders of the *Popish Clans*, which I have before mentioned; and the Provision that the *Papists* have lately made of Arms; But what has been already said, may shew you sufficiently, the Bloody and Desperat designs of that *Antichristian Partie* amongst us, and make you to conjecture at their Encouragement. It is not to be imagined that the *Papists* amongst us, have so far risen in their Courage of late, without some considerable Reason, and yet it does not seem easie, to imagine what that can be, that gives them so much Courage: It's certain they have no Encouragement from our Law; we have many severe penal Laws against *Papists*, standing in full Force, particularly the Act November 1700. Entituled, *An Act for preventing the Growth of Popery*. Whereby *Papists* are declared incapable of Succeeding to any Inheritance, of being Tutors or Administrators to Minors, of teaching any Art, Science or Exercise, and Children under *Popish* Parents, are ordered to be taken from them, and Educated with their next *Protestant* Relations: All *Seminarie Priests* and Traffiqueing *Papists*, are appointed to be Banished out of Scotland, never to return, under pain of Death; And the Sum of 500 Merks, is appointed to be given as a *Premium* to any who shall Discover or Seise any such *Seminarie Priest* or Trafficking *Papist*. Her present Majesty Queen Ann has by her Proclamation, of the date September 20 1709. Strictly required and Commanded all Judges and Officers of the Law, to put the foresaid Act, and all other Acts of Parliament against *Papists*, to strict and punctual Execution: And for the more effectual Encouragement of all the Subjects to Concurr in this, She ordered the *Premium* of five Hundred Merks promised in the Act of Parliament to the Seisers of Trafficking *Papists*, to



be speedily payed by Order of the Lord High *Treasurer*, upon production of a *Certificate* of the *Conviction*, of such *Trafficking Papists*. It's true, the then Lord High *Treasurer* is since Removed; But it is hoped that as the Order is Directed to the Person in such an Office, who ever Enjoys it, is under the same Obligation with him, and that the Earl of O----- will find himself no less concerned, to make *punctual Payment* of this *Premium*, than the Earl of G-----n. Thus Sir you see the *Papists* in *Scotland* have no Encouragement for their *Industrie* and *Insolence* from our *Law*. It were the utmost Breach of duty, to our Gracious *Queen*, as well as Folly, to imagine, that they have any Encouragement from Her, who gave the most Early *Testimony* almost of any, at the *Revolution*, of her outmost Detestation of their abominable *Religion*, having shewed by deserting the then *King*, and going over to the *Prince of Orange*, that she knew not *Father* or *Mother*, and much less, would she know a *Brother* if she had one, when the *Cause* of her *GOD* and *Religion*, and *Liberty* of her *Country*, was in Question, She has by her *Royal Proclamation* abovementioned, shewed that about four Years ago, her Sentiments as to *Papery* were the same, they were at the *Revolution*; So that our *Papists* have as little Encouragement from our *Queen*, as from our *Law*. As little have they from Her *Judges*, who, to do them *Justice*, fail not to Execute the *Law*, against such as are duely Convict before them.

Whence then proceeds all their *Courage* and *Insolence* which of late they have taken to them? I cannot pretend fully to unfold so strange a *Mystery*, But shall adventure Sir to acquaint you, with what to me seems, of all things that are publickly known, to have the greatest hand in it. First of all, they have great Encouragement from their *Friends Abroad*; the *Priests* in *Skye*, of whom we have spoken before, have their *Sallaries* duely payed them from *Abroad*; And, as is said, have a Considerable *Premium*, for every *Proselyte* they make to the *Faith* of the *Church of Rome*; and to be sure, others who labour in more publick Places, and in the midst of greater *Danger*, have at least as ample *Rewards* as they; No wonder then, if they, whose Character it is *Rev: 18, 13. 10* make *Merchandise* of the *Souls* of *Men*, be very *Vigilant* and *Industrious* to prepare their *Wares*, that they may well deserve their price: this Encourages their *Industrie* and *Diligence*, which they exert with the greater *Vigour*, because of the big hopes they have of late conceived, of the *Prebender's* succeeding to the *Throne*; they know he is of *French* and *Popish Education*, and has deeply Drunk in for the space of *Twenty Years*, the *Principles* of *Popish Religion*, and the *maximes* of *French Government*. They understand *Humane Nature* so well, as to know whatever *Principles* one has been *Trained* in so long, in the most tender part of his *Life*, do *Incorpo-*

rate with his Reason, and become almost as Essential to him, as his Reason it self: So that without a Miracle, he may as soon put off his Being, as lay aside such *Principles*. They know also from the Example of his *pretended Father*, that a *Papish Prince* upon the *Throne*, shall be scarce well set on it, when he shall attempt to *Establiish* his *Religion*, among his *Subjects*; No wonder then, if the hopes of such a *Successor* do *Animate* them with great *Courage*, And make them even with *Insolence* to look down and Trample upon such, as stand in their way, to so great an Advantage, which they think they have in so near a *Prospect*. I shall not pretend to tell you, from whence they have taken up such *Confident* hopes of their *Beloved Pretender's Coming over*: I wish they may have no further Evidence of it, but what is obvious to all Men, such as, that his *Friends* may be in some of the most *Considerable Posts*; The *Zealous Assertors* of His Interest may be in great Credit and Invested with the Trusts of the greatest Consequence; While The *Zealous Asserters* of the *Protestant Succession* are *Discountenanced, Frowned on and Disgraced*, upon the most trivial occasions. The *French King* the *Patron* of their *Darling*, is now more *Powerful*, and in better Condition to set him upon the *Throne* than at the beginning of the last *War*, when he promised it; and seems plainly not to have lost sight of his *Designes*, by keeping him still so near to himself, and us; as at *Barle Duc*. But whether their *Hopes* are founded on these, or other *Reasons* not known, It is certain, they assert with the greatest Confidence, in several places of the *North*, that their *King as they call the Pretender*, is shortly to come over; and thereby make more *Profelyts* in several places, than by all their *Arguments* for their *Wretched Religion*. Thus you see what Encouragement they have from *Papists* Abroad, I am sorry, that they should have any from *Protestants* at Home. But since it is in vain to Dissemble what every one may see, I must tell you.

In the third place, that they are not a little Encouraged by some *Protestants* amongst our selves, of whom they who are of late become *Zealous* for the *English Service*, are the most considerable: They join Interests with the *Papists*, and the *Papists* with them, for mutuallie strengthening one another, and running down the *Established Church*, and a *Protestant Succession*. My Lord D---- D a *Professed and Violent Papist*, has for some Time supported and Encouraged a *Meeting-house* for the *English Service* at *Muthale*, And has of late given a House for another of these *Meetings* at *Croiff*, The *Papists* have Concurred and given their best Assistance in building *Meeting-houses*, for that *Form of Worship*, in several places in the *North*; And that our *Tolerated Protestants* may not be Ungrateful to their Benefactors, they use their Interest to Protect *Papists* from the Execution of the *Laws*, while at the same Time, they do their utmost to Discourage



rage and Insult the *Ministers* of the *Established Church*, and neither enter their *Meeting houses* in *Terms of Law*, nor Pray for the *Queen*, and *Protestant Succession*, in the *House of Hannover*. In the Paroch of *Kilmarrock* in the Shire of *Inverness*, as has been before mentioned, but deserves also to be remembred here, The *Papists* are suffered notwithstanding of the Severest *Laws* against them, to go openly and Avowedly to their *Idolatrous Mass Meetings*, while the Legallie *Established Minister* Mr. *Thomas Chisholme* was Violently kept by the Gentlemen of Chief Influence there, from Possession of the Church, & their Tennents were threatned to be put from their Tacks, if they hear him. Both there, and in other places, the Inferiour Judges are prevailed with, to refuse to Cognosce upon the Greivances of Ministers of the *Established Church*, from *Papists*; or to put the Authors of them in the Porteous Rolls for the Circuits. Ministers and others who gave up lists of *Papists*, have been so Discouraged, and are so Insulted and threatned in several places of the *North*, that they are in Hazard of their Lives; If they concern themselves farther that way, And generally, several Persons in Power in these places are more favourable to *Popish Priests*, and *Papists*; than to the Ministers of the *Established Church*; a thing, that tho very singular, yet will not seem strange to any who know the Political Principles of many of our *English Service Men*, and Consider what her Majesty says of the *Papists* in Her Proclamation of September 1709. That these Missionaries from *Rome* and their Abbettors do pervert our good Subjects-- from their allegiance to us, being nottoriously disaffected to our Person and Government. Of all the Meeting-houses for the *English Service* in *Scotland*, I am told, there are not above two or three entered in the *Terms of Law*, or where they pray expressly for the *Queen* and the *Protestant Succession*. If this be mistake, the Advocats for that Party, are desired to favour the Publick, with a List of the Meetings of that side, where it is otherwise. Thus I have briefly shewed you what Encouragement *Papists* have from some pretended Protestants amongst our selves.

I am not so uncharitable as to beleve, that all, or even the body of the Episcopal party here, have a warme side to the *Popish Principles*, I beleve all they have at present in view, in giving Countenance to *Papists*, is to strengthen the Pretenders party; But what a sad designe is it, that must be advanced, by giving Countenance to *Idolatrie*, and Anti-Christian Superstition; And discouraging the pure Protestant Religion, *Established* amongst us at the Reformation, and obtained by our worthy Ancestors at the Expence of much Blood and Treasure? One would be tempted to think, that they have a back look to *Egypt*, who are for choosing a Captain that Resides there; and are so careful to support the Agents for *E-*

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*gyptian Darkneſs* and Bondage. One thing is certain, that, whatever be their intention, their Conduct plainly leads that way. And ſo do the Principles of ſome of them (I hope they are not generallie received among them) I mean that Doctrine of theirs, that no Miniſterial Ordination is valid, which is not performed by a Dioceſian Prelate; This is the Doctrine, eſpecially of ſome of our Younger Episcopall Clergy; Mr. R---D, Mr. L---n, and other Diſciples of the Reverend and worthy Mr. R---t C----l. From which it follows, that, we in *Scotland* have no true Miniſters, and that the Miniſterial Acts of all the Paſtors of the Eſta bliſhed Church, are Null; and ſo none Baptiſed by them are Chriſtians: And this ſame is the Caſe of almoſt all the Proteſtant Churches, except the Church partie in *England*; while the Church of *Rome* is allowed to have valide Ordination, and ſo to be a Society of true *Xians*. Now how Natural is it for Men of theſe Principles, to enter into the Society of the Church of *Rome*, of which they have already ſo high an eſteem, when they have taken up Principles, which ſeparate them in a manner from all Proteſtant Churches, and bring them ſo near to *Rome*, in a point of ſuch Conſequence? What ſhould hinder, when an opportunity offers, and favour and preferment does tempt (as according to their hopes it quickly will) to go a little farther, and make a proper Coalition with a Church, which, together with their own, makes (in their opinion) the only Society of true Chriſtians upon Earth? You know, Sir, it is an eaſie ſtep from the outmoſt bounds of the Proteſtant Religion, and Communion; to the neareſt ſide of the *Popiſh*. What then can be expected from ſuch Principles, but that ſuch as believe them, if they can once bring about the Conjunction of the *Britiſh* and *French* Monarchies in the Advancement of their beloved Pretender, will ſoon finiſh their mighty project of an Union, betwixt the *Britiſh* and the *Gallican* Church.

Thus Sir, I have given you an Account, of what I have had occaſion to Learn of the Conduct and Circumſtances of the *Popiſh* partie, eſpecially, in the North and Highlands of *Scotland*. I have done it as breifly as I could, And yet it has ſwelled to a greater Bulk than I at firſt expected: I muſt however detain you a little longer, till I make ſome few Reflections ſhortly, upon theſe Matters of Fact you have Read.

In the firſt place, how uncomfortable is the Condition of ſuch Miniſters and private Chriſtians of the Eſta bliſhed Church, who live in places where *Papiſts* do moſt abound, where they have a *Maſs Houſe*, in one end of the Paroch, and a *Jacobite Meeting-Houſe* in the other, both joyning Interests together, to Diſcourage and Inſult ſuch, as orderly attend



tend upon the Worship of the Established Church? Such Ministers and People are really in a State of Persecution, while they enjoy the Shadow and Appearance of a Legal Establishment: Their Condition calls aloud for the tenderest Sympathy, and fervent Prayers of all Good Christians, who are truly concerned for the Protestant Religion, and the Liberty of our Country, & for the speedy Remedy and Assistance of such as are in Authority: But how lamentable beyond Expression, is the Condition of these Poor, Ignorant and Deluded People, whom the *Missionaries* pervert in so great Numbers? What a peirceing Thought is it to every true Protestant, that such Numbers bred up in our Pure and Holy Religion, should be brought to Renounce the Light, and Plunge themselves into the midst of the thickest Darkness; That while the Way to Heaven is so clearly pointed out to them, all round them, they should be so deluded, as to chuse the Way to Everlasting Misery, by the Slight of Men, and cunning Craftiness of these who lye in wait to deceive? And how sad is it, that others who had been brought to Renounce the Damnable Errors and Idolatry of *Antichrist*, should (as in many Places they do) *Return with the Dog to the Vomit, and the Sow that was washed, to the wallowing in the Mire?*

Next, what is above said, answers in part a Question, which it seems very natural, to move upon the Accounts of the *Insolence* of *Papists* before given, to wit, Why are not the Laws executed against Sayers and Hearers of *Mass* and all *Trafficking Priests*? You see Sir, by what is above said, that the dissenting Protestants among us, of whom many are Justices of Peace, and others Magistrates, refuse to put them in the Porteous Rolls; And that Ministers and others, who have been active in prosecuting them formerly, are in some places insulted, and threatened, so as to be in hazard of their Lives, if they concern themselves any more that Way. How then can it be expected, that our Laws should be executed against them with any Exactness? Nay, is it any wonder, that *Papists* banished by Sentences of our Judges, boldly return again to their former Traffick, when they know there are so many to protect them from the Severity of the Law? Can they, in the least fear the want of Countenance from such, as ordinarily drink the *Popish Pretenders* Health, keep his Birth-Day, by Reveling and Ranting through the Streets, and upon all fit Occasions, testify their profound Respect for him, though they have taken the *Oath of Abjuration*, in which they Abjure him, and Promise to Stand against him, in the most Solemn Manner? If it were needful, persons would be condescended on for this.

Further, what I have told you, shews how reasonable & necessary, the late Warning of the Commission of the General Assembly of the *Danger of Popery*, when

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when *Popish Missionaries* are swarming amongst us, when *Papists* are so numerous and insolent in many places; And so many are dayly falling off to them: And when that Antichristian Party is supported in their Insolence, by a Party of Protestants among our selves, for advancing a *Popish Succession*, (which if it prospers) cannot but ruine our Liberty and Holy Religion: In such a Case, it cannot but be the Duty of Faithfull Watchmen, to warn People of their Danger, that if possible, they may be brought to open their Eyes, e're it be too late, or if they will sleep on secure, they will be ruined; and the Watchmen may deliver their own Souls. This being our Case, as you see by what is above, the Ministers in the Commission acted the part of Faithfull Watchmen in giving us all that Warning; And it concerns all Good Protestants to hearken to it, as they would not have their own Blood, and the Guilt of their Church and Countries Ruine to ly upon their Heads.

Moreover, what Account I have given you, may serve to open to us, somewhat of a Prospect, (and a melancholly one it is) of what Mischiefe we have to expect, from *Papists* in our present Circumstances, if they are not effectually restrained. You see, Sir, that the Number of *Papists*, is considerable in some places; That their *Missionaries* are numerous, that they are generally provided of Arms; And that the most Ferce and Martial Part of them (the *Popish Clans*) hold their Meetings for Correspondence amongst themselves, and that the whole Body of them have close Correspondence over Seas, and strong Engagement from that Quarter: All which, to a considering Man, has a very allarming Aspect; Especially, when it is considered, how great Numbers of *Papists* there are in *Ireland*. In that Country, there are One Thousand and Ninety Parish *Priests* alone, besides *Trafficking Missionaries*, who have no settled Charges, as appears by an Authentick printed List taken up, by the Justices of Peace, at their Quarter Sessions, according to Order of Parliament: What vast Numbers of People must there be under the Inspection of so many *Priests*, considerably more in Number, than all the Parish Ministers in *Scotland*; All these are the Offspring of the old *Irish Papists*, who in the Days of our Fathers, in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth* and King *Charles* the Second, destroyed by way of Massacre Two Hundred Thousand of our Protestant Brethren, with these, no doubt our *Scots Papists* correspond, and they could easily spare them a considerable Detachment of their massacreing Multitude, to be employed in their Work, upon a convenient Emergent. All this gives us but a dismal Prospect, and yet we needed not be so much frightened with it neither, if we Protestants in *Britain* were all cordially united among our selves: But alas! When one considerable part of



our selves, joyns with our common Enemies, in a Design, that's capital to their Scheme (I mean the setting of a *Papist* upon the Throne) what are we to expect in our present Circumstances; But that *Anti-christian Idolatry*, should dayly more and more prevail, and that *Papists* should become dayly more and more Numerous and Insolent? What have we to expect, if (which God of his Infinite Mercy prevent) we should upon the Queens Demise, fall into a State of Confusion; But that the *Papists* amongst us, should be *Fire-Brands* to a *French Army* (which in that Case will certainly come amongst us) to inflame them with Cruelty, and concur with them, in filling all with Slaughter and Desolation? What can we look for, if in this supposed Contest for the Crown, their Party should prevail; But that after they have wrought their Work with such deluded Protestants, as joyn with them, they should with the Help of their *French* and *Irish* Friends, kick against their present Benefactors, and force them, either to embrace *Popery*, or treat them with all the barbarous Cruelty, which Is natural to their accursed Religion, and customary in their Church. You see Sir, what a mournful and amazeing Scene opens to our Thoughts, when we suffer them to run out into the natural Consequences of the *Growth* and *Insolence* of *Papists*. Say not, these Thoughts are wholly visionary and groundless: I heartily wish that the present exorbitant Power and Greatness of the Family of *Bourbon*, with the Spirit of Infatuation, that seems to have seiz'd so many Protestants amongst us, with many other Circumstances, gave not too much Ground for them.

What remains then, Sir? But that in the last place, you and I, and all good *Protestants*, shou'd first firmly prepare our selves, and next mutually animate and encourage one another, to Exert our selves to the utmost in our stations, for defeating the destructive Designs of a *French* and *Popish Partie*. Let us avowedly own our selves for the *Protestant Religion*, and the *Protestant Succession*; upon which under GOD its Security depends. Let us be willing to hazard our Lives and Fortunes, for that *Liberty* and *Holy Religion*, the *Settlement* and *Preservation* whereof, till now; has cost too dear to us and our worthy *Anc. stours*. Let us lay aside our little Divisions amongst our selves, and no longer dispute, Whether, *As*, in the *Oath of Abjuration* be Reduplicative, or Indicative only; far more let us form no Separation from one another, upon so very small and narrow a point. This is such Madness, as it wou'd have been in the *Romans* to busie themselves about Debates of Grammar, and *Criticisms*, when *Hannibal* with the *Carthaginian Armie* was at their Gates, and to worry one another about Trifles, while that Craftie and pow'rful Enemy, was ready to destroy them all. Let us all Concurr in our Stations, to have the  
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Laws Executed against *Papists*, and the *Legal Establishment* of our Church, supported against them, and all their Abettors. For this end, let us be ready, as we have occasion, to make plain and earnest application to *Authority*, for Redress of all our *Grievances*, and prepare our selves for the worst, in case of a State of Confusion. Our Enemies, avowedly on many occasions, own themselves for a *Popish Successor*, in Opposition to *Law*, and their own solemn *Oaths*; and shall we be Cowardly neutral, when we have both *Law* and *Conscience* on our side? Let us remember the Pathetick warning of *Mordecai* to *Esther*, *Esther* 4, 14. and the terrible Threatning with which it is Enforc'd. *For if thou altogether holdest thy Peace at this Time, then shall their enlargement and Deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy Fathers House shall be Destroyed.* The Enemies of the *Protestant Succession*, unite amongst themselves, and with *Papists*; that they may ruin us, and shall we be divided amongst our selves? They are bold to Address the *Queen*, who are known to be Enemies to Her Title and *Government*; and shall we be ashamed to apply to Her for Redress of our *Grievances*, who upon all occasions, have given evident proofs, of the firmest Allegiance? Ev'n *Papists* are busie Arming themselves against us; and shall we be still Armless and Defenceless, and deliver up our selves to have our Throats cut, by these Merciless Enemies, when ever an opportunity of appearing more openly shall offer? Let us take Courage Sir, and be bold in our GOD, and in the Conscience of a good Cause. We have the *Law* for us, we have a good Conscience to Embolden us, we hope that *Jacobites* in Britain, are not one of Ten, *Papists* included, and we have Reason to hope, upon a sincere Repentance for our Sins, and application of the Blood of sprinkling, that Providence would declare for us, against a Partie that carrie on their designs, by all the black Arts of Dissimulation and Treachery, and the formal breach of the most solemn Oath.

*Sir, If you desire farther Accounts of Occurrences, wherein our Publick Safety is concerned, none shall be more ready to serve you, than*

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Your most Humble Servant,

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# Postscript.

**A**Ltho' I have protracted the foregoing Account of the Growth of Popery in Scotland, beyond what I first intended, yet I presume to be your Remembrancer, of some of the Inhumane Barbarities committed by *Papists* & their Abettors, upon *Protestants*, in former times; not doubting but you are acquainted with the Histories & Matyrologies, that are generally received as true and genuine through the *Protestant World*: For I am of Opinion, that at this Conjunction of so many concurring Providences, whereby our inveterate Enemies, both forreign and domestic, cruel to the last degree, being permitted to increase, both in their Strength and Policy, they do endanger not only our Religion here, but also threaten the Overthrow of all the *Protestant Churches*. And therefore, it concerns us, to form a just *Idea*, not only of the absurd and idolatrous Principles of *Papists*, but also of the bloody and barbarous Temper, that's still a Concomitant of their Religion, where ever it is. It is one of the grand Politicks of our Modern *Jacobites*, to represent the *Church of France*, as a great deal more moderat in their Principles, and nearer the *Protestant Principles*, than the Body of *Roman Catholics* else where; and to be indued with more Mildness and Humanity, than those in *Spain, Portugal, Italy*, and several other *Popish Countries*: Wherefore, I think it not amiss, to look back a little upon the Practice of these Moderat and Merciful *Papists*, toward their *Protestant Neighbours* and fellow Subjects, since the Heat of Persecution has ragged in *France*. It being impracticable to give so much as an Abridgement of the Persecution there, in this *Missive*, I shall only satisfy my self with a few Instances. In the year 1570, the *Papists* finding some difficulty to overthrow the *Protestants* by open Force, their Hellish Policy leads them to try what they can do by Fraud; And therefore a Marriage is contrived betwixt the King of *Navarre* and *Margaret, Charles the Ninth* the then King of *France* his Sister, which Marriage must be performed with great Solemnity, and extraordinary Respect to *Protestants*; And therefore, a considerable Number of their best Quali-

ty are invited to be the Witnesses thereof, which Marriage being celebrate by the Cardinal of *Bourbon*, upon an high Stage erected for that end, close by the Church Walls; The persons invited, dined in the Bishops Palace, and at Night supped in a Palace in the middle of *Paris*. It being ordinary in all Massacres, to fall upon Persons of Note first; the first Attempt was made upon that good Man Admiral *Coligni*, who received a Wound by the shot of a Pistol, which not proving mortal, he was advised to try the Safety of his Life, by flying out of the City; But the Souldiers appointed to commence the bloody Scene being so posted in different places of the City, his Escape was prevented; And the dreadful Signal being given, they begin their Butcherie with the Admiral himself, who after he had received many grievous Wounds, was thrown out of a Window upon the Streets: After which, his Head was cut off, and embalmed with Spices, to be sent to the *Pope*, and his Body most inhumanely cut and mangled by the savage Mobb; After having dragg'd it three Days through the Streets of the City, they carry it up to the publick place of Execution, and hang it up by the heels. This horrid Massacre being thus begun, the armed Souldiers run upon Protestants of all Ranks, Ages and Sexes without Distinction, and cruelly murder them; So that not only the Streets of the City did run with their Blood, whereby the same was dyed, but the very River did seem to be turned into Blood, by reason of the Multitudes of People thrown into the same, whose Wounds concurred to make a crimson Stream. Its generally computed, that within the space of three Days, above Ten Thousand Protestants were cut off within the City. This was not the Fate of these Protestants alone, but the Massacre was carried to the Cities of *Lyons*, *Orleans*, *Tholouse* and *Raan*, in which Cities, unparallel'd Cruelties were committed: So that in the space of one Moneth, Thirty Thousand Protestants were destroyed. It is to be noted, that the above named King *Charles* the Ninth, the chief Instrument of this cruel Murder, dyed childless, by the issuing of Blood from all the Vents of his Body, which no Art of the Physicians could stop. And tho' the Protestants in that Kingdom, got their Religious Interest so far advanced afterwards, that it was secured to them by the famous *Edict* of *Nants*, by which they enjoyed very ample Priviledges; Yet no Faith being to be kept by *Papists* to *Hereticks*, (as they term all of the Reformed Religion) his most Christian Majesty the present *French* King, reversed the said *Edict* in the Year 1685, and has ever since exercised such cruel Barbarities against his own Protestant Subjects, as are scarcely parallel'd by the greatest Tyrants that we read of; And so has totally razed an once famous Church. Let any, who



who is acquaint with the History of the Sufferings of *French Protestants*, through the whole Course of his Reign, compute what Millions he has destroyed: And many of these whom he has not cut off by immediate cruel Deaths, are by many Degrees more miserable, in regard of the Inhumane Barbarities they suffer dayly: Take for Instance, the deplorable Condition of those, that are condemned to the Gallies, whose Misery I shall describe in a few Words. A Galley is a long flat one deckt Vessel, which generally makes it's Way more by Oars, than Sails: There are five Slaves appointed for every Oar, and in all about Three Hundred of them, and an Hundred and Fifty Men, either Officers, Sea-Men, or Servants: These miserable Creatures, to wit the Slaves, are exposed above Deck to the Heat of the Sun by Day, and the Damps and Inclemencies of the Night. The Galley being but a small Vessel, such a Number of Men are extreamly crouded, and their excessive hard Work at the Oars, causes Sweat continually to stream down from their Bodies, by which the scanty Allowance of Linnen which they wear, being soaked with the nasty Sweat, produces Swarms of Vermine, which crawl not only upon their Cloaths, but the very Seats they sit upon, by which the miserable Wretches are like to be eaten up: Instead of a Bed, sick or well, they are allowed only a Board a Foot and a half broad, and those who ly near the Officers, dare not presume, tho' tormented with Vermine, to move Hand or Foot, lest they should give Disturbance, by the rattling of their Chains, and draw upon themselves a new Punishment. These who are at the Oars, have cruel Task-Masters set over them, who when ever they find any, (though through faintness or weakness) who are not able to keep Touch with the rest, do unmercifully lash them with Whips they have for that use, and thereby imprint the evident Marks of Inhumanity upon their Bodies; who are almost naked when at the Oars: And the least Sign of Discontent appearing in their Countenances, draws upon them double Stripes from these relentless Tygers, whose Lashes are commonly ushered in, and followed with a Volley of hellish Oaths and Imprecations. This cruel Treatment occasions frequent Sickness amongst them, in which Case, they are laid in the dark Hold, (where is very little Air) promiscuously without Beds. It is impossible to form a true Notion of the Misery of these poor Creatures, while their Sickness and tormenting Pains are increased, by the Swarms of Vermine, that almost cover their Bodies, and by the noisome Stink, that arises from all the Nastiness that is about them, which makes them long impatiently for Death, to end their wretched Days. See their scanty Allowance of course

course Food, and other cruel Sufferings, fully Discribed in a Book, entitled, *A Specimen of Papal and French Persecution*. Printed at London in the Year 1712.

I cannot but also briefly resume the *Irish Massacre*, which tho it be generally well known to all, who have any acquaintance with later occurrences ; yet does not seem to make a suitable Impression upon the Minds of those *Protestants* amongst us, whose Words and Actions declare, that they chuse rather to Cultivate familiar Friendship and Intimacy with *Papists*, than *Presbyterians*.

Altho the Match propos'd betwixt King *Charles* the first and the *Infanta* of *Spain* was not accomplished, yet a Marriage betwixt the said King and Lady *Henrietta Maria* Daughter to *Henry* the 4th King of *France* succeeded ; which rais'd the expectation of all the *Roman Catholics* in *Brittain* and *Ireland*, that they should get *Papery* advanced in more than an ordinary way, by the influence of the Young Queen, of their own Religion : And therefore they were restless in Improving the opportunity they had got, to Ingratiate themselves into his Majestys Favours, and Exasperat him against his best *Protestant* Subjects ; and at length they work up their Cruel designs to that dreadful Crisis, of committing one of the most Bloody Massacres, that ever was heard of in the World. Whereby 200000 Persons were cut off, as above said.

About the latter end of *October* in the Year 1641, there is a designe framed to surprize *Dublin* first, it being the Metropolis of the Kingdom, thereby to strick Terror to all the rest ; but the Plot being discovered, by the Merciful Providence of *GOD*, before it came to Execution, the City was preserved ; but in all other places these Barbarous Tygres accomplished their Bloody purposes, by the destroying in a most terrible manner, Men, Women, and Children, without the least signe of Relenting, wherever they could find them : Yea, the very Women Imbrued their hands in the Blood of their *Protestant* Neighbours, by Stabbing them or cutting their Throats ; and inured their Children to the Cruelty of killing the *Protestants* Children, yea they caus'd Children to kill their own Parents, and afterwards killed them as being guilty of Parricide.

The *Popish Priests* did exert their outmost care, to perswade their Cruel People, that nothing could be more Meritorious, than the Destroying of *Protestants*, in that Cruel manner ; and that the more they cut off, the nearer they were to *Heaven* : Yea, they caus'd them to take their *Sacrament* upon it, that they should spare none. The full Account of this Terrible Massacre, is given by most of our modern Historians ; See Sir *John Temple*s History of the *Irish Rebellion*, Page 10, 136, and 148, And the Book of *Martyrs* vol. 2 Printed at London in the Year 1702, from page 395 to page



401: Any who will be at the pains to examine the occasion of a Pamphlet, termed, *Murder will out*, emitted after the Restauration of King Charles the 2d, as also; how the Marquis of *Antrim* a noted *Irish* *Rebell*, got his Estate which had been forfeited upon that Account, restored; by his producing the Warrant by which he acted, may find from what Influence these *Rebels* did effectuat their cruel Design. See *Baxters Life* vol. 1. Page 43 and 44: It also deserves serious Reflection, that wherever *papists* have prevailed against *Protestants*, 'tis not enough to cut them off by Death, but they rack their hellish Inventions, to find out these Torments, that are most exquisitely painful, and lingering: And altho' it cannot but fill your Mind with Horrour, when ye read what follows upon this Head, (as it does mine at writeing hereof) I cannot ommit condescending upon a few Instances, which are but a brief Sample of what these barbarous *Papists* have practised. In the Valley of *Piedmont* in the Year 1555, no Cruelty since the Times of *Dioclesian*, could match what was perpetrated there, amongst the *Waldenses* and *Albigenses*, Women were ript up alive, burning Candles were held to the most tender and sensible Parts of their Bodies, their Nails were torn off by hot Pincers, and when half dead by these Torments, they are tyed to the Tails of wild Beasts, which are let loose throw ragged and stony Places: It was thought a very light Punishment to throw them from the Tops of high Precipes's, where falling among the Boughs of Trees, they stuck there, till they dyed through Cold and Hunger, and the Wounds received by the Fall, the Places being ordinarily inaccessible. Young Maids had Spits thrust throw their Bodies, from their Privities to their Necks, and the impious Souldiers, carried them in that Posture: Some were dragged by the Feet throw the Streets, which were strawed with sharp Flint Stones untill they dyed: Some had their Privy Members cut off, and thrust into their Throats, whereby they were choaked: The tender Infants were taken out of the Cradles, and torn to pieces: Women were fastned to Spits, and roasted to Death, while their cruel Tormentors did cut off their Breasts, and eat the same: Men had their Hands tyed to their Privy Members, and the whole weight of their Body suspended upon Cords: Others had their Mouths pressed full of Gun Powder, and lighted Matches held to the same: Others were flead alive: Some were buried alive: Some were burned alive in great Fires, like *Nebuchadnezzars* Furnace: Some had their Brains beat out, which their Tormentors did fry and eat: Others had their Faces cut off alive. See *Georgius Hornius* his Church History written in Latine page 664, 666, 667, where these Cruelties are abridged. There is a full Account of them in a Book written whole-

ly upon that Subject, by *Samuel Moreland*. But we need not go so far, to search for the cruel Torments, by which Protestants have been put to Death, some of these and such like have been inflicted upon our worthy Ancestors, whereof many Instances may be given from our own Historians. But after all, if it should be urged, that there is no Danger of such Treatment amongst us, because care will be taken to have the Administration of our Government, in the Hands of Protestants; or at least, of such as must be regulat by Protestant Laws: I answer, That to have the Administration of our Laws in the Hands of *Papists* or their *Abettors*, tho' professed Protestants, cannot but be of dangerous Consequence: I wish we would be at pains to reflect, what Numbers of worthy Protestants may be computed to have suffered Death, from the Restauration to the *Revolution*, even, tho' *Popery* was not then Established by a Law: See a Book called the *Western Martyrologie* or *Bloody Assizes*, containing an Account of those that suffered under that bloody Tyrant *George Lord Jeffery*, printed at *London* for *John Marshall*, in the Year 1705. And to come home to our selves, how many Citys or Towns are there in *Scotland*, where the Blood of Eminent Christians hath not been shed? And how many Parishes are there, who have not produced some or other to be sacrificed to the Lust of those, who inclined to follow the *French Copy*? What mean so many Monuments erected upon the Graves of those, who have been murdered in City and Country, set up by the pious Care of those, who would transmit to Posterity, Memorials of the Wrestlings and Sufferings of *Presbyterians* in *Scotland*? Are there not Thousands of living Witnesses, who have seen Persons of all Ranks dy upon Scaffolds, for Adherence to their Religion in this Place. I know this Answer is ready in the Mouths of a great many, *viz.* These suffered justly as *Rebells* against the Government; and by this Topick, they have the dareing Impudence, to vindicat the *French King*, from all the Barbarities committed by him, upon his Protestant Subjects, and to accuse those, who suffered for their Holy Religion, as *Rebells*, deservedly punished. But if refusing to comply with Laws Establishing Wickedness, and overthrowing the very Foundation of the Christian Reformed Religion, and of those Civil Liberties, which free People have a just Claim unto, be Rebellion in the genuine Notion of it, then I can argue, not only the Primitive Christians, but also the Prophets and Apostles themselves, to have suffered justly. But to Disobey these Laws, which are Rebellion against the Law of God, and the Fundamental Constitutions of the Law of Nature and Nations, is the unquestionable Duty of all, who would study Obedience to the most Righteous Commands of the Supream and uncontrollable



controllable Legislator: For no Law can be the Rule of our Obedience, which is not founded upon, and agreeable to the Divine Law. The three Children mentioned in the Third of *Daniel*, had The Command of *Nebuchadnezzar* the King of *Babylon*, flowing from a Law Enacted by him and his Princes, to Worship his *Golden Image*, under the highest Penalty, but they judged themselves sufficiently warranted, to refuse Obedience to that wicked Law, it being contrare to the express Law of God: And *Daniel* did not find himself any way obliged, to refrain from his Duty: of Prayer to God, at his ordinary and stated Times, tho' discharged therefrom by *Darius*, and his Court: Neither did the Apostles find themselves obliged, to refrain from preaching the Gospel, tho' they were commanded by Authority to desist. But to insist a little upon the Cruelties committed in *Brittain*, within the forementioned Space of Time, I can undertake to give sufficient Documents, from many particular Instances, that not a few were cruelly put to Death, whose Lives could never have been reached, even by the then standing Laws: But this may probably appear to the World, in the distinct Particulars thereof hereafter. I shall briefly condescend only upon one Instance, because its ordinarily denied by a great many of our *Moderu Jacobites*, and said to be a Calumny raised, to asperse the late Government. There was in the Shire of *Galloway*, and Paroch of *Kirkinner*, in the Farm of *Drumjargan*, belonging to Colonel *Vans* of *Barnbarrach*, a Woman named *Margaret Lachlison* Relict of *John Mulligan* Carpenter there, who was a Women of a good Competency of Discretion and Prudence, but excelled (for a Tract of many Years) in a Devout and Religious Life, who could never be prevailed upon to comply with any thing contrary to the Principles of our Reformation, viz. by taking sinful Oaths, which were in that Bounds ordinarily pressed upon Women, as well as Men, or desisting from the Duties of Religion, whether more publick or private, viz. Hearing of Presbyterian Ministers, associating with her Christian Acquaintances, for the Duties of Prayer to God, under the Heat of the Persecution of these Times, or supplying her own near Relations and other Christian Acquaintances, then in great Straits, with Necessaries for supporting of Nature: For all which Reasons she was carried Prisoner to *Wigton*, (being the Head Burgh of the Shire) by a Party of Dragoons.

At the same time there was a young Woman called *Margaret Wilson*, Daughter to *Gilbert Wilson* in *Glenvernoch*, in the Paroch of *Penygham*, Tennant to the Laird of *Castle-Stewart*, who had also refused to comply with the Demands, that were ordinarily required, in order to the Disclaiming and Renouncing all Presbyterian Principles, who having

come to *Wigtoun*, to visite her Friends and Acquaintances, Fellow-Sufferers, then in Prison, she is taken notice of, as homologating the Designs of *Rebells*, and *Phanaticks*, as *Presbyterians* were then generally termed: She being then about Twenty Years of Age; together with the other forementioned, being about 66, is committed to close Prison, and an Indictment of *Rebellious Practices* drawn up against them, viz. of the forementioned Particulars. And as to the Probation to be led against them, there needed none, for they judicially owned their Adherence to our *Reformation* as *Presbyterians*, and their refusing to take such Oaths, and complying with such Practices, as they judged sinfull: Wherefore an Assize is called, who brought in their Verdict, that the Particulars alledged were evident; upon which the Sentence of Death was passed against them by Sir *Robert Grierson* of *Lag*, and accordingly, some time after, the said Sentence was thus executed. Two Stups of Timber were fastened upon the Bank of the Water of *Blednoch*, (to which place the Sea flows always at high Water) and the Prisoners are brought under the Guard of a Troop of Dragoons, commanded by Major *Winram*, to the Place of Execution, and after being allowed some time to perform their last Duties of Devotion, which they did with so much Christian Calmness, and sweet Submission to the Pleasure of Almighty GOD, and in such a lively Dependance upon Him, for Salvation through Christ; that their Behaviour extorted Tears from some of the Souldiers that guarded them. The manner of their Execution was, Cords were tyed about the foresaid Stups, and to their Bodies, and they thrown over the Brink of the River into the Water and drowned. There is one Thing finally to be taken notice of, that the old Woman was first dispatched, in order to terrifie the young Woman to a Compliance, with such Demands and Oaths as were required of her, but the View of her Fellow-Sufferers Death, did not in the least shake her Stedfastness in her Resolution, to adhere to her Principles to the very last: After her being thrown into the Water, a Person deeply affected with such a melancholly Spectacle, pull'd her up, and expressed these Words unto her, *Dear Margaret say, GOD save the King*; to which she Replyed, *GOD save him if it be his Will, for his Salvation is what I desire*: Upon which the sorrowfull Multitude of doolfull Beholders, cried out to *Winram* the commanding Officer, *Sir; she has said it*, to which he answered, *Tender the Oath to her*; And it being demanded if she would take the Oath, she answered, *No, No, No Sinful Oath*: Upon which she was again thrust down under the Water. Thus dyed two innocent Women by a publick Sentence, whose Lives, no Law (even the severest then standing) could have reached, without a manifest Streach.



The Truth of this Fact with many other aggravating Circumstances than what I have condescended upon, can be proven by an Hundred living Witnesses.

Sir, I suppose, that altho' Tortures, such as holding light Matches to Peoples Hands, and the use of the Boots and Thumikins, and ripping up alive, be disused for these 25 Years past, they were not such Novelties in the late Reigns. And I am affraid, that if some of these People that are of *Anti-Revolution Principles*, had the same Power in their Hands, we might find their little Finger thicker than their Fathers Thigh: Some of them stand not to say, that too much *Indulgence* towards *Presbyterians* in the late Times, was a very bad Politick, and ought not to be used, if they had them again at their Mercy: And in order to lay a Foundation to their revengefull Designs for the future, they go upon these two following Propositions, as first Principles.

1<sup>mo</sup>. That *Episcopal Ordination* (as has been already said) is absolutely necessary, to the Constitution of a Gospel Minister.

2<sup>da</sup>. That Proximity of Blood constitutes an Hereditary indefeasible Right to the Crown of these Realms, and that Passive Obedience, is indispensibly due to the Sovereign cloathed with this Right.

If they can make these Propositions evident, the Assumptions will in my Opinion be very clear, to wit, That *Presbyterian Ministers* want *Episcopal Ordination*, that King *William* and Queen *Mary* wanted the Title of Proximity of Blood to the Crown, neither has the Illustrious Family of *Hannover*, that Title to the *Succession*, so absolutely necessary: From which Premisses, these Conclusions will natively follow, that *Presbyterians* are not within the Verge of the *Visible Church*, and that the foresaid King *William* and Queen *Mary* were Usurpers, and the Succession as settled in the foresaid Illustrious Family, *ipso facto* void and null. Whoever will be at the pains to pursue the Inferences, that may be natively drawn from this Way of Argueing, may easily guess, vvhether our *Jacobites* vvhould land, if they had once got the Course of Publick Affairs to run in their Channel, and this vvay of Argueing is not meer Talk amongst them, but has appeared very barefac'dly in Print, in Books vvhich they do very much value. As to vvhat concerns the Necessity of *Episcopal Ordination*, See Mr. *Rynd's Apology* lately printed at *Edinburgh*, vvhich doubtless had the Approbation of our *Episcopal Clergy*, e're it appeared in the World. And as to vvhat concerns Hereditary and Indefeasible Right, See a Book in folio, Intituled, *The Hereditary Right of the Crown of England Asserted, The History of the Succession since the Conquest Cleared*, Printed at London by G. James 1713. Where the Authors principal Scope is, to prove, that such as are only

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Kings *de facto*, viz. without the Proximity of Blood, are not vested with a Legislative Authority; And therefore, that their Statutes are wholly precarious, and that no Acts of Limitation could ever yet effectually exclude the next Heir by Proximity of Blood.

Having touched a little at the Cruelty of *Papists* and their *Abettors* in these few Instances wherein they have succeeded, and at their dangerous Consequences, that natively follow from their Political Principles; I shall very briefly touch some of their terrible Attempts which GOD has been graciously pleased to frustrate.

The first is, that formidable Destruction, threatned by the *Spanish Armadoe*, in the Year 1588; when *Philip* resolved at once to sink the whole Strength of *England*: His Fleet to that purpose consisted of 150 Sail of Ships, which carried 1600 great Peices of Brass Cannon, 1050 of Iron, 8000 Seamen, and 20000 Marines, besides Volunteers: The Charge amounted dayly to 30000 *Ducats*. But GOD having armed the Winds and Seas together, with the *Dutch* and *English* Fleet, to fight against them, they were wholly overthrown.

The Second is, that signal Deliverance on the Fifth of *November* 1605, from the *Gun-Powder-Plot*, by which the *Papists* had contrived to blow up the King and the *Parliament* of *England*, by a great Quantity of Powder, lodged to that end in a Vault, under the *Parliament-House*.

The Third is, that dreadfull Combination, by King *James* the 7th and his *Popish Friends*, to overthrow the Religion and Liberties of *Britain* and *Ireland*; which Destruction, GOD was graciously pleased to prevent by our Glorious Deliverer the late King *William* of Blessed Memory, being called thereto by a great Body of the Representatives of the People in *Britain* and *Ireland*.

The Last is, that Bloody Design of the *Assassination-Plot*, against the foresaid King *William*, by the *French* and *St. German Court*, and their *Abettors* in *England*: About the Beginning of *April* 1696, a Conspiracy was framed to murder the King, and immediately upon perpetrating that cruel Fact, a Signal was to be given thereof from *Dover-Clifts*, upon which King *James* 7th, was ready to embarque with 10000 Men, to go for *England*, there to be put in Possession of the Government. But immediately upon the back of the said Kings Landing, 20000 *Veteran French* Troops, (which without his Knowledge were brought thither before hand for that End) were to Embarque, and Carry along with them 80 Peices of Cannon, with all other Accoutrements and Furniture, in a considerable Fleet of Transport Ships, and a suitable Convoy of Men of War, in order thus successfully to invade *England*. At the same Time, there were 5000 to land in *Scotland*, to join their Friends there,



immediately upon the Landing of these in *England*, the Tower of *London* and the Exchequer were to be seized by the Conspirators, and after this the City was to be set on Fire, and burnt down to Ashes, and the Country for Seven Miles round it, to be reduced to a Wilderness, because *London* was the Centre and Strength of *England*, both for People and Riches.

The Landed and Wealthy Men in *England* were to be Transported to *France*, and the desolate Places of *England* were to be peopled by the poorer sort of the *French*; and none of the Transplanted *English* were ever to return on Pain of Death. King *James* was not to have meddled with the Government, otherways than he should be directed by the *French* King, and untill the Crown of *France* should receive Sixty Four Million *Sterling*. How much the Debt may be more by this Time, let any who pleases compute. See the full Account hereof, in a Pamphlet Entitled, *A True History of the Horrid Conspiracy to Assassinate King William &c.* Printed for John Salisbury, at the Rising Sun in Cornhill 1696, Page 30 and 31. This Plot was early discovered, and mercifully prevented. Neither is the Invasion in *March* 1708, (when the Pretender was with a *French* Force in our Firth, within a few Hours of Landing) to be forgotten. Thus far of the dreadfull Conspiracies, that were crushed ere they came to the Birth.

To shew you Sir, that others who have a clearer view of the present State of Affairs, than I can pretend to, seem to agree with me in their Apprehensions of the Danger of Popery at this juncture, I cannot omit to insert here, a Paragraph of that Judicious and Polite Gentleman Mr. Steel, his weekly Paper, called the *English Man*, *London* from *December* Saturday 26. to *Tuesday* 29. which I just now read in the *Coffee-house*, is as follows.

We have been taught by dear Experience, that *French* Papists are Indefatigable in their endeavours, to Extirpat what they call the Northern Heresie. We have been lately Informed, that they have in *England* Donations, to the Value of at least a Million of Money (whereby they are enabled to carry on their Dark and Hellish Designs against us and our Holy Religion) that the Jesuits in particular, have an Estate in *England* Computed to be no less than 30000 lib. per annum, and that this Fund is dayly increasfing, by the Seal of Reversional presentations in the Gift of Popish Patrons, &c. That the Laws made against them, are Evaded, that there are but few Parishes in *London* wherein Mass is not said every Sunday, that there are great Number of Popish Priests in *England* at this Time, that Popish Bishops Exercise all the parts of their Function. viz. Confirming, keeping their Yearly Synods and Visitations that Agnus Dei's

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*Beads, Popish Salters, Mannals, Rosaries,* are publickly sold, that the *Popish Priests* have Carried their Converts in Triumph to *Mass*.

Upon all these Foregoing Considerations I wish that that those *Protestants*, who in their Convertle ordinarily Ridicule the Fears of *Popery*, as *Visionary Dreams*, and groundless *Enthusiastick Fancies*; may be a little more spareing in that kind of Dialect. It is not without ground of Fear that the *Parliament of Britain* has pased the *Bill of Attainder* against the *Pre-render*; and that the *Parliament of Ireland* are endeavouring just now to follow their Example, and offer 50000 *lib.* to any that will apprehend him. And that Her Majestie *Queen Anne*, has been so instant to have him removed, out of the Duke of *Lorrains* Territories.

In Fine, Sir, I hope the Concern ye have for all that's dear to us as Men and *Christians*, will plead Excuse, for my Detaining you so long by this *Postscript*. Let me this once intreat you with all the earnestness I am Capable of, to Sequestrate your Thoughts for some Time from all your Worldly Affairs, and fix them on that Dismal Prospect, of the Blackness and Darknes of *Popery*, that Threatens us and our *Posterity*, upon the Supposition of a *Popish Successor* his getting the Reins of our *Government* in his Hand; And of the dreadful Storm of Execrable Cruelties, and Inhumane Barbarities, we have ground to be affraied of, and which has been the Lot of *Protestants* before us. Cast a Compassionat Eye upon your poor Children, some whereof do not know the Right Hand by the Left, and Frame the Wounding *Idea*, of their falling a Bloody Sacrifice, by Exquisite Torments, unto the Revengful Lusts of our most Inveterat Enemies, (or which is worse) their being forced to Abandon and Renounce our *Holy Religion*, and the use of the *Holy Scriptures*, which are the Foundation thereof; yea, and even of their Sense and Reason, to believe the most evident Contradictions that Humane Reason can possiblie imagine; which in my Opinion is the last degree of Misery, that Rational Creatures can be Capable of on this side of Time.



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beloved Torments, unto the Reverendful Bulls of our most Inverosimilable  
and Telling the Wounding Word of their falling a Bloody Sacrifice by Ex-  
posed Children, former heretics do not know the Right Hand by the Left,  
been the last of Frigidum Ignem. Call a Contradiction Eye upon your  
burning Baptismal, we have wanted to be afraid of, and which has  
in his Hand; And of the dreadful storm of execrable Councils, and In-  
Supplication of a Popish sacrifice his getting the Reins of our Government  
and Darknels of Popery, that Thunders us and our Popery, upon the  
Worldly Affairs, and fix them on that dismal Prospect, of the Blackness  
Capable of so Segregate you I thought for some Time from all your  
this Popery. Let me be once informed you with all the earnestness I am  
When such a thing will yield to me, for my Detaining you so long, by  
In Time, Sir, I hope the Concern ye have for all that's dear to us as  
moved, out of the Duke of Devonshire's Minister.

